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Re Patent Application of

Williams et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated May 18, 2004, Applicants hereby respond as follows. The shortened period for response expired August 18, 2004, accordingly Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time. A check in the amount of \$430.00 for the extension of time is enclosed herewith. The extended due date for this response therefore is October 18, 2004. It is believed that there is no additional fee associated with the filing and consideration of this amendment, however, **should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this amendment and response to deposit account number 03-0172.**

Please amend the application as follows:

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